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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

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SOWINGS

Spring Sprung

It's been a busy season, in case you haven't noticed the signs emanating from the SELS office – like delayed publishing of newsletters, and frequent conversations with the answering machine. We will definitely need to declare some days in the near future for office organization and spring cleaning. I realize that's probably got some of you falling off your chairs laughing, but we're serious.

In amongst the hubbub I've had the opportunity to take advantage of some great continuing education opportunities – like attending Public Library Association (PLA) conference in Minneapolis. (If you've never taken advantage of joining the Regional Library Systems on a bus for a road trip to an out-of-state conference – mark that on your to-do-list.)

This year's closing keynote at PLA was **Paula Poundstone**, and she ended things well, with lots of laughter and audience questions concerning librarians' new found unhappiness with Dewey, and her attempts to understand the oxymoron of a "public" library association conference being open to no one but "public" librarians. Sally Gardner Reed announced this week in the Library Friends webinar that Paula has been named a national spokesperson for FOLUSA (Friends of Libraries USA). If you go to their website, www.folusa.org, you'll find more information about Paula and the free publicity materials available for use by Friends Groups to promote their library – including bookmarks with Poundstone's quote, "If you haven't been to your library lately, you're overdue."

Another favorite session at PLA was Kathleen Baxter's program – **Get Real: Nonfiction Booktalks** with Huge Appeal to Kids. Kathleen's a columnist with *School Library Journal* and besides providing us with a list of 89 titles sure to be a hit with youth – she had us captivated with her great sense of humor and non-stop presentation. If you'd like a copy of the list provided by Kathleen, let us know – all of them would be easy titles to booktalk or display with I'm predicting immediate check-out and feedback from kids.

And just to prove that there is really nothing new, it's just a task that we all have to do, I attended Belinda Boon's session – **Weeders Attract More Readers!** Boon reaffirmed the necessity of weeding, and materials taking up library space to justify their existence on prime real estate. So, get busy and weed materials that have poor content and poor appearance, as well as unused materials and topics no longer within the priorities of your collection. If you do this you will achieve:

- Shelves that are not overcrowded – no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
- A collection that's more appealing and increases circulation and level of service.
- A library reputation for reliability and up-to-datedness that speaks to credibility.
- Constant feedback on the library collection's strengths and weaknesses.

If you'd like more information on weeding, let me know – it's one of our favorite topics. Boon also suggested an ALA book – *Less Is More: A Practical Guide to Weeding School Library Collections* by Donna J. Baumbach and Linda L. Miller (2006).

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I received some good information from a session on **Evaluating the Library Director**, with panelists that included trustees and directors: Mark Weston, Library Trustee & Jamie LaRue, Library Director – Douglas County Libraries (CO) and Howard Rothman, Library Trustee & Eloise May, Library Director – Arapahoe Library District (CO). Three approaches to evaluations were highlighted utilizing personal behavior traits, job description and organizational performance. Sources of information for the evaluation can include input from the director, staff, community, and, of course, library board. Besides providing sample evaluations (which I'd be glad to share) they outlined the following Do's and Don't's List:

- **Do** have a job description & consider an annual contract.
- **Do** base the evaluation on goals and objectives.
- **Do** make the goals measurable and time specific.
- **Do** be sure expectations are clearly understood and agreed to.
- **Do** it! Annually!!
- **Do** follow your state's rules for open meetings and executive sessions.
- **Don't** assume the director knows how she/he is doing.
- **Don't** fail to mention the one thing driving everyone crazy.
- **Don't** let things fester or save up issues for the evaluation.
- **Don't** use an evaluation to resolve a crisis.
- **Don't** include staff in evaluation without involving the director.
- **Don't** conduct the evaluation in an open public meeting.



So much to share, but I'll close with another great reason to experience a national library conference – the opportunity to hear wonderful authors talk about their work and life. I was fortunate to attend a luncheon featuring **Louise Erdrich**, where in typical fashion she gave us lots to think about, but lots to laugh about, too, particularly by sharing pieces of letters to her from her father while she was in college. He'd sign his letters with this quote: "Thrift is a source of revenue." Erdrich started her presentation by reading from her book – *The Painted Drum*, and shared this conversation between mother and daughter – with my apologies for punctuation that may vary from actual text in the book: "Life will break you. Nobody can protect you from that, and living alone won't either for solitude will also break you with its yearning. You have to love. You have to feel. It is the reason you are here on earth. You are here to risk your heart." You can hear a sampling of Erdrich's precise and lyrical voice by listening to her interview on NPR's Weekend Edition (10/2/2005) with Martha Woodroof. It's on their website – www.npr.org.

Thank 'ya, friends!

It seems appropriate to mention Bob Dylan's recent Pulitzer Prize for his contribution to music – particularly since it recognized his "lyrical compositions of extraordinary poetic power." April is after all, National Poetry Month. For fun, here's a bit from *The Times They Are A-Changin'*:

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone.
If your time to you
Is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who
That it's namin'.
For the loser now
Will be later to win
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come senators, congressmen
Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway
Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt
Will be he who has stalled
There's a battle outside
And it is ragin'.
It'll soon shake your windows
And rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changin'.

Can you sing the rest? Brenda can!



Call for Board Nominations

The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of persons representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Board members will be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2008. Nominees may be librarians, trustees, or library users.

Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Mileage to and from meetings is reimbursed at the federal rate. Board members must have access to e-mail.

Who Currently Serves on the Board?

Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln, President; Karen Frank, Greenwood, Vice-President; Scott Childers, Lincoln, Secretary/Treasurer, Rebecca Bernthal, Lincoln; Sandy Elton, Lincoln; Ken Gunselman, York; Barbara Hegr, Nebraska City; Wanda Marget, Fairmont; Kim McCain, DeWitt; Lisa Olivigni, Crete; Kris Rogge, Johnson; Tom Schmitz, Lincoln and Jan Thomsen, Aurora.

Mail or email your nomination by May 15, 2008 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 / jennip@alltel.net

Name: _____ Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Address: _____ Email _____

Circle one: Librarian/Media Specialist Trustee User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*) yes no

Nomination submitted by: _____



April



April 18th – CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) at the Deshler Public Library. This is the meeting where we talk about Friends and Foundations, so feel free to invite your Friends and/or Foundation members to join you for the meeting. Our youth book discussion title for this meeting is: *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians* by Brandon Sanderson. We'll also have the round robin for sharing of ideas, problems, issues, etc.

April 22nd – What is Open Source? NLC online session that you can access for your own computer via the Web, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Contact Jeannette Powell at (800)307-2665, (402)471-7740, or e-mail: jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.



April 24th – SELS Board Meeting at Eiseley from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 24th – SELS Friends Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards – see page 9 for details.

April 25th – Technical Services Round Table (TSRT) Spring Meeting – Spelunking or Serendipity: Discovery in the Catalog, at The Leadership Center in Aurora.

May

May 2nd – NLA Diversity Committee Spring Meeting – Serving Your Spanish – Speaking Customers, at the Atrium Conference Room (near the Nebraska Library Commission) in Lincoln from 1 to 5. For registration information see page 7.

May 8th & 9th – Public Library & Trustee Section, along with the School Children's & Young People's Section Annual Spring Meetings. Register to attend in Grand Island or Papillion. See page 8 for details.

May 9th – College & University (C&U) Section 2008 Spring Meeting at Bellevue University: Information Needs of Nebraska's Diverse Populations, with keynote speaker – Julie Todaro.

May 9th – College of DuPage – Library Challenges & Opportunities 2008. Tools of Engagement: Attracting and Engaging Library Users, 11 to 12:30. Program can be viewed as a Webcast or satellite downlink. Contact Laura Johnson, ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us, (402)471-2694 or (800)307-2665.

May 12th – 18th – Children's Book Week 2008 - go to: <http://bookweekonline.com/index1.html> for information, ideas, and more. Includes info on how kids can vote for their favorites in the Children's Choice Book Awards. Cool! Votes must be placed by May 4th.



May 16th – SELS Training Extravaganza at Lincoln Public Schools District Office (5901 "O" Street) – see pages 10-11 for details.

May 22nd – NLC Statewide Open Source ILS Symposium at College of St. Mary in Omaha. Contact Shannon White: swhite@nlc.state.ne.us, (800)307-2665.

May 22nd – 25th – Mayhem in the Midlands, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (444 South 10th, Omaha) – with guest of honor, **Alex Kava**, 2006 One Book One Nebraska author of *One False Move*. For details go to: www.omahapubliclibrary.org/mayhem/index.html, or contact Maggie Tarelli-Falcon, mtarellifalcon@omahapubliclibrary.org or (402)444-4854.

June



June 6th – CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) and NEMA (Nebraska Educational Media Association) meeting in Seward. This is your chance to review the big list of Golden Sower (K-3) nominations, and place your top 10 vote. Plus, we'll provide information on libraries that have gone "Dewey-less" that will include a bookstore, school and public library perspective. We hope to see lots of public library staff, and school media specialists.



June 18th – SELS Annual meeting with guest speaker – **Bill Kloefkorn**, this year's One Book One Nebraska with – *Restoring the Burnt Child*.

July



July 18th – CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) at Gresham Public Library with a librarian/attorney, Mindy Rush – to talk about Nebraska Public Meeting Laws. This is our joint library trustee meeting – so invite your library board members to join us.

August



August 22nd – CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) at Morton James Public Library in Nebraska City. Kit Keller, NLC, will be joining us to guide in using Bibliostat Connect for library reports that can include charts/graphs, peer comparisons, trends and more.

September



September 11th & 12th – Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling.



September 26th – CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) at the Lyceum in Brownville. Sure to be a fun and informative day with Jane Smith (Lyceum), Boni Hathaway (Village Bookstore), Tom Rudloff (Antiquarium), and Cinnamon Dokken (A Novel Idea Bookstore) joining us.

October



October 15th – 17th – Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Conference in Lincoln.

November



November 14th – CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) meeting at Wymore Public Library. We'll have Dee Aguilar (UNL Speakers Bureau) for a presentation on: Humor: What's So Funny?" This month please read the title – *Focus on the Good Stuff: The Power of Appreciation* – an adult selection for our book discussion by author Mike Robbins.

December



December 11th – CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians) meeting at Kilgore Memorial Library in York. Stay tuned for topics of discussion, and odds are good will fit in lunch at Chances R.



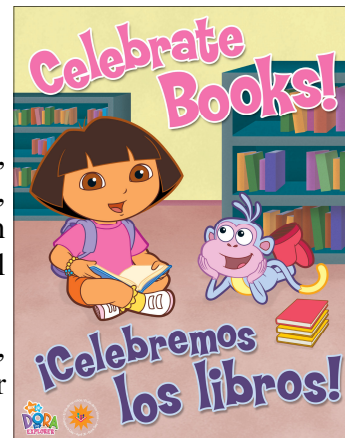
News and Notes

El día de los niños/El día de los libros

Celebrate!

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), known as Día, is a celebration EVERY DAY of children, families, and reading that culminates every year on **April 30**. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

ALA, www.ala.org/dia, has downloadable bilingual bookmarks, posters, and brochures featuring Dora and Boots. I was hoping for some with her cousin Diego - maybe next year!



SIRS Databases

Pricing for the 2008-2009 SIRS subscription term for Nebraska libraries is available on the Nebraska Library Commission website. Pricing is based on the school's enrollment or the population served by a public library with special discounts given to smaller institutions. You can subscribe to either the CD-ROM format or the Web version of either/both program(s).

Orders must be received by June 20 for access to start on July 1, 2008. Mid-term subscriptions will be accepted after July, but **will not be prorated**. All subscriptions will end on June 30, 2009.

For more information or to place an order using the online order form, please see

www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/pricing/sirs.html

Please contact me if you have any questions. Jeannette Powell, Nebraska Library Commission 402-471-7740 or 800-307-2665 / jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us.

Customers Benefit From NebrasKard Reciprocal Borrowing

In July 2001, the Library Commission initiated the voluntary NebrasKard reciprocal borrowing arrangement for Nebraska libraries, through which participating public and academic libraries can permit registered borrowers in good standing to borrow materials from other participating libraries across the state. Nebraska libraries have a long history of sharing resources for mutual benefit and to meet the needs and interests of their users. The NebrasKard program is an extension of those cooperative resource-sharing efforts.

NebrasKard is designed to benefit library customers who need the convenience of borrowing materials from libraries outside their home communities. Libraries report that many of these individuals either do not have library service in their own community, or that they work, shop, or attend school outside their home community. In 2007, Nebraska libraries reported 956 cards issued—either small keychain cards or stickers for the customers' home library cards. Circulation ranged from one library reporting yearly circulation of more than 4,500 items to another reporting only six items circulated.

For more information about the NebrasKard program, including the policies and procedures, frequently asked questions, and a list of participating libraries, www.nlc.state.ne.us, and search on NebrasKard. Contact Maria Medrano-Nehls, 402-471-4008 or 800-307-2665; e-mail: mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us to order key chain tags, stickers, and bookmarks.

The **Syracuse Library** was once a one-room Baptist church. But churches grow and build bigger houses of worship. It's the same way with libraries. The Syracuse Public Library is experiencing such growing pains. The [Library] Foundation has been working for years to raise \$2.1 million to build a new library to replace the old one Finding enough space to hold meetings and other library-related activities is a challenge. A summer reading program for 80 children has been held in a nearby vacant field, and when it's too hot outside, the kids go to First National Bank of Syracuse.

So far, the Foundation, which was formed in 1997, has raised more than \$325, 000 for new library,...., and it plans to continue its efforts.... The Foundation hosted a celebrity cook-off on April 5, with two Syracuse men preparing appetizers and dinner.

-Lincoln Journal Star, 3-23-2008

This I Believe is an international project engaging people in writing, sharing, and discussing the core values that guide their daily lives. These short statements of belief, written by people from all walks of life, are featured in weekly broadcasts on National Public Radio, as well as on the *This I Believe* website and in the book *This I Believe*, published in 2006.

The goal of the project is "not to persuade Americans to agree on the same beliefs, but to encourage people to begin the much more difficult task of developing respect for beliefs different from their own." The producers of *This I Believe* hope to help Americans better understand themselves and others in a time of uncertainty by reflecting on and engaging in conversations about the personal values and beliefs that shape our lives, communities, and society.

With these same goals, we are creating a community-wide *This I Believe, Seward* (Nebraska) project. We invite you to be a part of *This I Believe Seward* by submitting an essay of 500 words or less about your beliefs (religious or other), attending a community discussion forum, and reading and discussing essays submitted by others with Seward, Nebraska, connections.

Selected essays will be published in the Seward County Independent and read aloud at a "This I Believe Seward Celebration" at **Seward Memorial Library, Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. Please submit your essay by April 30, 2008.** To submit your essay electronically, visit www.thisibelieveseward.org. This will link you to the NPR website, www.thisibelieve.org, where you will find essay-writing tips, essays written by others, and additional information about the project. Essays submitted to *This I Believe Seward* will be posted on the Seward website.

NLA Diversity Committee Spring Meeting

Serving Your Spanish-Speaking Customers

Hispanic/Latinos now comprise the largest minority group in the US and the fastest growing segment of our population. Join us to get started on the first steps toward bringing these potential library users into your building and on serving them better.

The program will provide information on:

- Outreach to the Spanish-Speaking Community
- Responding to the Needs of the Community
- Marketing
- Planning an Outreach Activity
- Resources to Assist You

The program will take place on Friday, May 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. at The Atrium Conference Room near the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln.

To register and to receive more information, please contact:

Maria Medrano-Nehls, Administrative Secretary, Nebraska Library Commission
The Atrium, 1200 "N" Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508
402-471-2045

NLA Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) & School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP) 2008 Spring Meetings

The 2008 Spring Meetings are being brought to you by the Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) & the School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP) of the Nebraska Library Association. Our host libraries this year are Sidney Public Library, Grand Island Public Library and Sump Memorial Library in Papillion.

Please join us May 6th, 8th, or 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Memberclicks: Learn how to utilize this wonderful tool that the Nebraska Library Association has purchased for our use. Keep in touch with colleagues throughout the state, publicize events at your library and search for other NLA members with similar interests and connections. Scott Childers, NLA webmaster extraordinaire, will teach us this new tool of the trade.

ROI – Return on Investment: What is your library worth to your community? Do you know how to calculate the dollars and cents (and sense!) value of your library? Spread the word to your customers, board members, elected officials and grant providers about the incredible investment your library offers the community. John Felton and Kit Keller from the Nebraska Library Commission will show you how.

Tweens & Teens – What Makes them Tick: And it's not ALL due to hormones! Join Jodene Glaesemann and Julie Hector from Lincoln City Libraries along with some of your local experts on an exploration of this particular set of library users. Tweens and Teens are the future of libraries. You'll find a way to love 'em (or at least understand them) and offer them what they need during this session.

Please make copies as necessary and send your registration to:

Richard Miller
Nebraska Library Commission
The Atrium
1200 N St., Suite 120
Lincoln NE 68508-2023

Questions?- contact Richard Miller at rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us or (800) 307-2665.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2008 *

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NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ LIBRARY _____
EMAIL: _____

Please check the day that you will be coming:

___ **Tues. May 6** Sidney Public Library 1112 12th Avenue, Sidney, NE
___ **Thurs. May 8** Grand Island Public Library 211 North Washington Street, Grand Island, NE
___ **Fri. May 9** Sump Memorial Library, 222 North Jefferson, Papillion, NE

Registration Fee: \$15 payable to **NLA Public Library and Trustee Section** Morning snack and lunch provided with your registration.

***Paid in Full registrations received by April 15 will be eligible to win a Car-Vac! What a great way to do some Spring Cleaning to your car!!**

Aged to Perfection 2008

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the
Southeast Library System Friends
on April 24, 2008
at the James Arthur Vineyards

Social Hour and Antique Check-in
4:30 - 6:00

Dinner
6:00 - 6:30

Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett
6:30 - 7:30

A mini-auction of donated treasures
will follow the program.



Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner but not the wine you may choose to enjoy on your own. Wine tasting is an option for those new to James Arthur, or wine is available for purchase by the glass or bottle. Other beverages are also for sale.

Also included in your registration is the appraisal of one antique item if you are not a current SELS Friends member and two antiques if you are a current member. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit www.selsfriends.org.

Dinner Menu

Deli meat and cheese on foccacia bread
Red potato salad
Spinach artichoke dip and chips
Fresh fruit
Cheese and crackers
Lemon bars and killer brownies



For directions and more
information about James
Arthur Vineyards:
www.jamesarthurvineyards.com

To register, please fill out and return this
form by April 18, 2008:

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

☐ I would like a vegetarian meal

Please include \$20 for each person
registering and mail to:

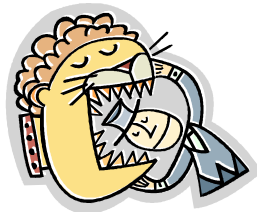
Southeast Library System
5730 R Street, Suite C-1
Lincoln, NE 68505

Admission will be \$25 at the door.

The 9th Annual



Southeast Library System Training Extravaganza!



May 16, 2008

9:15 a.m.—3:45 p.m.

Lincoln Public Schools District Office

5901 O Street, Lincoln

Cost: \$10 (lunch on your own)

5 hours of CE credit available

Come! Be amazed! Be entertained! Learn something!

Plan on a whole day of education.

A whole day devoted to library training for every member of your staff!

We will have sessions on del.icio.us, Apollo automation, computer security, marketing, and both children's and YA book sessions!

Three workshops will run simultaneously, allowing you to pick and choose what you will attend.

See the next page for a full listing of courses.

Seating for some courses is limited, so register early!

Please note the new location!



Registration — Training Extravaganza

Name: _____ Email : _____

Library/Institution: _____

To register, please fill out this form and circle which sessions you plan to attend on the next page. Send that page, this form, and your \$10 registration fee, by **May 9, 2008** to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. You may pay at the door.

Thanks! Sign in will begin at **9:15 a.m.** the day of the workshop, and the first session will begin at 9:45. See you there!

Please circle the sessions you plan to attend:

<p>Marketing Hilary Sire Barnes & Noble</p> <p>Trying to turn a sow's ear into a silk purse? Or just want to spice it up? Come learn marketing strategies for your library.</p>	<p>9:45 — 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Visual Literacy & Learning Ritchie Graham UNL</p> <p>Rich and varied history of graphic novels and comic books.</p>	<p>del.icio.us Nancy Larimer Lincoln Public Schools</p> <p>The primary use of del.icio.us is to store your bookmarks online, which allows you to access the same bookmarks from any computer and add bookmarks from anywhere, too. But there is so much more that you can do!</p>
<p>Apollo Automation Clark Charbonnet</p> <p>Automation for small-and medium- sized public libraries. Come hear more about this option which hosts the catalog on their site so you don't have to worry about server issues.</p>	<p>11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Game On!</p> <p>What! You haven't played video games in years? Ever? We'll fix that! Come find out why gaming in the library is a great idea. Sign up to play!</p>	<p>Library Thing</p> <p>Catalog your library or your personal library. "Seriously, this is what the internet should be all about: highly useful, easily accessible, flexible means of storing, sorting and retrieving information for cheap or free." -Library Thing user</p>
<p>LUNCH!! 12 — 1:15 p.m.</p>		
<p>Talking YA Books Sarah Edwards UNO</p> <p>Come hear booktalks on young adult books from multiple genres! This interactive experience will invite you to contribute related titles so you can leave the session with lots of new titles and ideas.</p>	<p>1:15 — 2:15 p.m.</p> <p>Game On!</p> <p>What! You haven't played video games in years? Ever? We'll fix that! Come find out why gaming in the library is a great idea. Sign up to play!</p>	<p>Search & Research Tips & Techniques Kit Keller Nebraska Library Commission</p> <p>Learn how to maximize search tools to find what you need. We will explore the many faces of Google and other search engines. Keller teaches Information Research Strategies in online courses, and has experience with Google and Yahoo search engines. She will share some tips and tricks for doing reference in the online environment.</p>
<p>2:30—3:30 p.m.</p>		
<p>Children's Books Karla Wendelin Lincoln Public Schools</p> <p>Latest and greatest children's books. Come for some terrific booktalking.</p>	<p>Game On!</p> <p>What! You haven't played video games in years? Ever? We'll fix that! Come find out why gaming in the library is a great idea. Sign up to play!</p>	<p>Computer Upkeep and Security Q & A Scott Childers UNO</p> <p>Can customers use flash drives? What about those social networking sites? What questions do you have? Email them to jennip@alltel.net and Scott will address them.</p>



Read Golden Sower Nominees

Depart from Dewey -

Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library

Kim McCain, Tri-County Schools

Hilary Sire, Barnes & Noble

June 6th, 2007

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Seward Memorial Library

233 S. 5th St., Seward

9 a.m.-12 p.m.: The Golden Sower K-3 “big list” – Check out the big list of books which will be winnowed down to the top ten. Which ones will be worthy? This is a chance to explore books you haven’t seen, provide ordering ideas, and be a Golden Sower voter.

1 p.m.-3 p.m.: A panel discussion on Ditching Dewey by those who have done it. A public librarian, a media specialist, and a book seller talk about reasons and means.

We would like you to register so we know how many to set-up for. Registration deadline is **Monday, June 2, 2008**. No charge for attending. Lunch is on your own.

Name: _____

School/
Library: _____

E-Mail: _____

Send registration form to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R
St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505
Or email: jennip@alltel.net and pay at the door.



NEMA
Nebraska Educational
Media Association

Creating Nebraska Memories the Easy Way

Is your library, local historical society, museum, or other local cultural heritage organization mulling over ways to get your historical photos, documents, slides or other items onto the web so more than just those who visit your physical space can see what you have to offer? Has your institution considered adding your materials to the Nebraska Memories project? (www.memories.ne.gov)

We know that our cultural heritage institutions have little time or money to spend on digitization projects so we are offering options to libraries, museums and historical societies around the state to help them get their precious items on the web at no charge through the Library Commission's Nebraska Memories project.

The Commission recently received a grant from Nebraska's State Records Board allowing us to purchase equipment to create a mobile scanning center. This mobile scanning center can help us quickly get your items into the Nebraska Memories project, providing instant access to digitized images of Nebraska's history and culture in a collective, searchable database on the web.

The only thing you need to do is pick out the items you would like to add to the project and have some basic information about these items on hand. We will work with you at the beginning of the project to find out what items you have that would be a good fit for Nebraska Memories.



So you may wonder how this works? First, contact us by phone or email so we can discuss the items you want to add to the project. We may even come to your library or museum to see your collection. One of our staff will then visit your library with the mobile scanning center and scan your images for you. There is no charge for this service. We can start with up to 50 items and discuss doing more as the project progresses.



We will then work with you to fill out EZMetadata forms either on paper or online so we have some basic descriptive data about your historical materials. This would include any information you have about the item such as a date, creator or location. Our staff will use this basic information about each item and create the cataloging or metadata record describing your item.

If you have some treasures, whether it be a few or a hundred, that you would like to add to the Nebraska Memories site, please consider letting us do the scanning and cataloging work for you. Please contact either

Shannon White swhite@nlc.state.ne.us or Beth Goble bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us at 800-307-2665 to get started. For more information visit the Information for Nebraska Memories Participants page and find out more about the project www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskamemories/

SELS Board meeting
Governor's Manson - Lincoln, NE
December 14, 2007

Board Members Present: Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries), Scott Childers (University of Nebraska – Lincoln Libraries), Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library), Ken Gunselman (York College), Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt), Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library), Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center), Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora), Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools)

Also Present: Becky Baker (SELS Friends Representative, Seward Memorial Library), LaRaine Cihak, Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator), Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant), Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission)

Board Members Absent: Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center), Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City), Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library), Kris Rogge (Johnson)

President Willnerd called the meeting to order at 10:49 am

I. What's New Around the System:

Frank reports from the Greenwood Public Library that she received a thank you card from one of her patrons, just for doing a great job. She's had a staff person quit due to health reasons and have been very busy because of it. Bernthal & Childers report that UNL Libraries is going through a serials review, looking to cut 20% of serials budget. They are also exploring the possibility to raise the library fee for the students as well. McCain reports author Shelly Gill visited Tri-County Schools and talked about her experiences in Alaska running in the Iditarod and the students really responded well. She also brought back a bunch of books from a donor to libraries in the area. Thomsen reports that at the Alice M. Farr Library their new staff member is working out very well. They will have a drive of books for JCs. Baker reports that their bank called and reported the Seward Memorial Library is 100% debt free and their building is paid for. They are about 1/3 way through of "ditching Dewey" and have received some good press in the Seward newspaper. They are using 31 "subject headings" or categories for about 12000 books. Schmitz reports the Regional Center is still going through changes, they are looking for a grant to bring in Nintendo Wii systems for the libraries in a consortium within DHSSS to loan to offices in the system. Their administration is very supportive of the idea. Olivigni reports the Crete Holiday open house is Monday and now city departments are letting their employees come to it. They did a mitten tree this year and also allowed people to pay of fines with donation to the tree. This created a lot of donations. She reports they have had some problems with after school behavior since October and looking for ways to handle it, balancing the line of being welcoming to a group they've been trying to get into the building and looking for security concerns. Gunselman reports York College finished their finals week, with the library open until midnight. They are also bar coding their periodicals; every issue gets a barcode. Willnerd reports another successful Mosaic event for the year for Lincoln Public Schools. She reemphasized the success of the storyteller, and many schools reported they wanted to bring her back. They have scheduled Jodi Rave, a Native American writer for next year's Mosaic event. LPS is also looking ahead to opening day collection for the new Adams Elementary School opening up in August. They will also be working with Lincoln City Libraries for the Arnold school planned to open in 2009. The recent AASL conference was very good and new standards were handed out at the meeting, but now they are looking for implementation guidelines.

II. Minutes

Some typographical errors were noticed by the board. A motion to approve as amended was made by Bernthal, and seconded by McCain. Motion passed.

III. Financial Report

Motion to approve transactions as presented by Frank and seconded by McCain. Motion passed
Puchalla reports about the budget with 46% of the year done. She explained the current rates and details of the color printer and copier.

No update on van funding yet, Ealey is still following up on this.

IV. Administrator's Report

Highlights from Ealey's written report:

- E-rate training - She suggests and emphasizes that one-on-one training is more effective.
- There are some signed posters from Alex Kava to spread to librarians.

- Becky Baker & Brenda taught basic skills classes on Nov 1 and 15.
 - CASTL meeting in Auburn on Nov 9th was well attended. It had promising attendance from representatives of some smaller communities not often in attendance.
 - There was a good turnout for Michael Stephens Colloquium.
 - Nebraska Future Search committee is going well.
 - The Thinking Outside the Borders reception on Oct 22 was very nice and we would probably have more events at that location again.
 - SELS was approached by Nebraska Department of Corrections to submit a proposal to act as oversight for correctional institution libraries (for their accreditation.)
- Correction in written report; Under Service role 4; change 471 to 470 in e-rate filing notice.
Noted upcoming events:

- Fairbury 15th SELS meeting, will have to find new location as Fairbury is unavailable.
- April 10 is Unshelved Colloquium

April 16 is Ben Mikaelson in DeWitt and Mahoney.

Library Visits

Ealey passed out list of public libraries identified as candidates for visits. It is suggested that we visit at least ten before the end of the fiscal year. It was suggested that board members pick out three. This is an educational event for board members as well as promotion of the SELS to these libraries.

Adjourned for lunch break at 12:30

Meeting rejoined at 2:00 pm

The board will ask Ealey to group candidate libraries by threes geographically to come up with practical visitation grouping. She will also look at hours of operations to see what's feasible for visits.

Corrections:

See Administrator's report for more information. Gary Riggs looked at the contract and nothing looks bad. They need a Master's level librarian for their accreditation. We will have to adjust our plan for the year for this if SELS gets contract. Ealey should know by the 26th. This would mean SELS would hold workshops, be available for questions.

Floating Librarian - LaRaine Cihak came to board to discuss the idea of being a "floating librarian" for libraries in the area. Cihak would serve as a person that could fill in for people. Not sure if libraries would do through SELS or just note that LaRaine would be available and she would be an independent contractor. The opinions expressed pointed to the independent/contracting might be better for the smaller libraries in the system. The level of expected service is "keeping the doors open". Consensus seems to be that LaRaine should set up herself as an independent contractor and SELS would promote.

NLC Letter - Brenda distributed the letter she will send to the NLC regarding online resources and asking to maybe revisit what is provided.

Future Search Focus Groups - One piece of the project is a two day meeting in Schuyler. As preparation focus groups will be done throughout the state looking at issues and expectations from customers. They suggested the Systems work at polling for beginning information gathering. As the actual Future Search event will only be 1/3 library folk - the focus groups will be used to set the tone of the event.

V. SELS Friends report

SELS Friends did a lot at the past NLA/NEMA conference. The hospitality room did not make money, but was good marketing. It was noted that SELS Friends need to look at membership terms and get it in the bylaws

VI. NLC Report – Miller passed out a written report. He highlighted "We the People bookshelf"; the College of DuPage Teleconference; Marc 21 training; The Talking Book & Braille Advisory Committee; and the LCSH session.

VII. Committee Meetings

Brenda will try to get some stuff done with committees through email.

Next meeting: Feb 15th, location TBA

Meeting adjourned: 3:00

February/March/April/May 2008

Everyone is kneaded out
of the same dough, but
not baked in the same
oven.

☞ Yiddish proverb

SELS staff adds:

Or baked for the same amount of time.

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